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V CORPS' 1ST ARMORED DIVISION COMPLETES MONUMENT TO ITS SOLDIERS WHO DIED IN IRAQ

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WIESBADEN ARMY AIRFIELD, Germany -- A monument bearing the names of the 130 "Iron Soldiers" of V Corps' 1st Armored Division who died during the division's 15-month deployment in support of the first iteration of Operation Iraqi Freedom was put in place beside the division headquarters here February 18.



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Employees of the firm Nachmann and Fuchs secure a monument bearing the names of the 130 "Iron Soldiers" of V Corps' 1st Armored Division who died during the division's 15-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom beside the division headquarters at Wiesbaden (Germany) Army Airfield February 18.

The 3-ton stone monument and its 2-ton granite base display distinct engravings on each of its three sides. One lists the names of the Soldiers who fell in Iraq, including task force member Sgt. Andres Nuiamae, the first Estonian troop killed in combat since 1920. A second side highlights a map of Iraq with the names of prominent cities and major bodies of water, as well as the crests of the six major units that comprised Task Force 1st Armored Division during its deployment. A third side bears the division's famed triangular red, blue and yellow crest and this quote by division

Commander Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey:

"In the history of our great nation there have been times when soldiers have been called upon to re-earn America's freedom. This is such a time. You now take your place among the heroes of our past who sacrificed so that their fellow Americans would remain free."

The monument was lowered by crane, guided into place and secured by employees of Nachmann and Fuchs, the firm that created it.

